

**Customer No. 28596**  
Attorney Docket No. MI/228

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Allen et al.	) Group Art Unit: 2837
Serial No.: 10/713,699	) Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett
	) Conf. No.: 3159
Filed: November 14, 2003	)
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For: Improved Strings for Musical	)
<u>Instruments</u>	)

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2006, please  
amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.